

BICYCLE POLICE MEN

PERFORM INVALUABLE WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Increase in Number of Bike Corps and the Varied Kind of Duties

They Discharge.

"As the bike cops are playing havoc with luddish bikers who forget that Pennsylvania avenue is a 'double street,' much to the riders' surprise and chagrin, on a charge of wheeling on the 'wrong side' of the street a word of caution to the wheelmen and reminding the men who take them in may be apropos," remarked a police official this morning.

"Half a dozen arrests for this violation of the city ordinance were made in a single afternoon a few days ago, and wheelmen and drivers of vehicles should remember that in going toward the Capitol they must not ride or drive close to the car track, but keep over to the south side of the street. In coming up toward the insurance building keep away from the car track, and ride on the right or north side of the street. Wheelmen, especially because careless, but there are several bicycle policemen stationed on Pennsylvania avenue, from the Peace monument to the treasury building, who are on the watch for the careless riders and drivers. In fact, this ordinance, being enforced by the police officers, the city riders and drivers should bear this fact in mind if they wish to escape a fine or the forfeiture of collateral.

"It was little supposed a few years ago when a handful of police were mounted on wheels that by this time the bike cops would number over one-twelfth of the entire force. In the police appropriation for the present fiscal year allowance was made for sixty sergeants and privates mounted on bicycles, and out of this appropriation it has been possible to largely increase the force this summer.

"The bicycle police have been found to be an invaluable addition to the force. The streets of Washington being particularly adapted for fast wheeling and for the fast driving both of horse vehicles and automobiles. Sober and reckless drivers of vehicles and automobiles have speeded with the unmounted patrolmen on the sidewalks, but it is the bike cops who ultimately have sport with these reckless individuals, and the safety of the general public is correspondingly increased.

"The bicycle police are found to be of great service in busy calls, and in a hundred ways prove their efficiency by using their ability to cover a large territory quickly. They have banished the scorchers from our streets as compared with a few years ago, and when the reckless impact of the reckless automobilist the public will rise and call them thrice blessed. The people of Washington have heartily cheered the last year by the reckless use of high-power motor machines, and now that the bicycle force has been so much increased it is universally hoped that the almost continuous stream of scorchers against the automobilists who think they own the streets will be pleasantly absent when they return to town and skim over the wheels.

"Bicycle policemen receive no extra regular pay, but are allowed \$60 a year, out of which they are allowed \$10 for their uniforms. A bike cop may go for a couple of seasons without suffering more than a puncture, and again may have two or three wheels smashed in collisions and runways in a summer, the loss being his.

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When the end of a Kansas ear of corn points eastward instead of heavenward it is a sign—a damnable sign—and it is then that the farmer turns to the back room of the bank and begins to talk about money. Farmers and stockmen from all over the country are coming in every day and are arguing over the price of grain. The money to buy cattle and hogs—to turn the new corn crop into beef and pork—which, if not in sight, is close on its heels; and all this means business, and lots of it.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL NINETEEN EIGHT YEARS AGO

Extract From the Diary of Charles Willson Peale, the American Painter.

From the St. Louis Republic.

The following interesting extracts from the diary of Charles Willson Peale, the famous portrait painter of revolutionary days, containing an account of a visit to Washington in the year 1814, in company with Baron Humboldt, appear in the Sunday Republic through the courtesy of Mr. James Y. Lockwood of St. Louis, a great-grandson of the artist, who now has the original diary in his possession. The painter Peale was also a soldier of distinction, having served with great gallantry and ability throughout the American war for national independence, first as lieutenant and then as captain in the 4th Battalion of the Philadelphia Regiment of Foot.

He was at the battle of Brimstone, Trenton, Germantown and White Marsh. The diary, recording events that took place just a century ago, will be found quite interesting. In part it reads as follows:

Stage to Baltimore. May 29, 1814.—I began a journey into Maryland in company with Doctor Collins, a physician, and a friend of mine, and his two companions, that traveled with him to South America. We took the mail stage at \$8 each passage, left Philadelphia ten minutes before 8 o'clock. We arrived at Susquehanna after night, and immediately prepared for the journey. We should change the stage and take our supper. Doctor Collins, who is very near-sighted, trying to get into the boat, put the letter in the wrong one, and the boat sailed his boat full of water.

When he arrived at the tavern on the shore, he and his companions, looking without recollecting that he had, previously to beginning his journey, put two ten-dollar notes rolled in his stocking. He forgot this, and when he reached the tavern, he found within sixteen or eighteen miles of Baltimore, as day was beginning to break. He wrote in the stocking, but in vain; no notes could be found. He was very angry, and he wrote to the tavernkeeper, but whether he recovered them I cannot say. One of the companions of the baron was Monsieur de Humboldt, a famous naturalist, and a Museum of Paris to collect and make observation on the plants of South America. The other gentleman is a native of South America, and he is a very good man. He was born at Quito, 1,450 fathoms above the sea, and two leagues from the line. We arrived at Baltimore a little before breakfast on the 30th.

Road to Washington. 31st.—We took a stage and visited the fort, took a view of the city from Federal Hill. The next morning we set out for Washington and arrived in time for a late dinner. The first evening I delivered my letters to Mr. Samuel Smith and Dr. Thornton, and took tea with Mr. Smith. The next morning we set out for Washington, and arrived in time for a late dinner. The first evening I delivered my letters to Mr. Samuel Smith and Dr. Thornton, and took tea with Mr. Smith.

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